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Thanksgiving Closure

HSEMD offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Iowa State Patrol Dispatch will be taking emergency calls that come in via the Division's main number, 515-725-3231.

Web Site Survey

HSEMD wants to know how we can make our Web site more useful to our customers. For a link to the survey, see page 4.

Iowa Participates in Interstate Stop Animal Movement Exercise

Iowa was one of 10 states that recently participated in an interstate stop animal movement exercise.

The exercise, held in October, tested the plans and coordination necessary to stop and screen livestock and related traffic involved in interstate movement. It was conducted in the capitals of, and border between, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The scenario simulated an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). Traditionally, states have exercised their plans for responding to an outbreak within their borders, and this was a new challenge that had not been exercised previously. The Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture, a consortium of 13 states

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Oklahoma authorities stop livestock trucks near Turpin, OK during the Stop Animal Movement Exercise.

Public Information Officer Workshop Held in Black Hawk County

The second in a series of regional public information officer (PIO) workshops took place Nov. 12-13 in Region 6. Black Hawk County Emergency Management Coordinator Barbara Berquam hosted the workshop at the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Waterloo.

Sixteen local participants came together for the training and exercise activities funded by the 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) through HSEMD.

The goal of the workshops is to develop and coordinate emergency man-

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Stop Animal Movement Exercise a Success

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including Iowa, sponsored the exercise.

HSEMD's Mark Shearer, coordinator for the Multi-State Partnership, said the exercise was an opportunity to see the plans for traffic control, and permitting livestock movement, tested in a realistic manner.

"This exercise was an effective training tool because it involved so many of our state and federal response partners," said Shearer. "We can learn from the experience of our member states, and increase our capability to conduct similar exercises in the future."

The exercise demonstrated the value of interstate agreements for moving agriculture products. Both Kansas and Oklahoma reduced these agreements to a series of questions that, if answered correctly, allowed livestock to move across borders.

"This exercise proved that, with proper planning, local authorities in one state could make an educated, binding decision on behalf of their neighboring state," Shearer said.

Animal health, agriculture, law enforcement, transportation and emergency management personnel from the involved states participated.

The exercise was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Ω

HSEMD Distributes ESF 14

HSEMD has distributed additional portions of the Emergency Response Plan conversion. Emergency Support Function (ESF) 14 Recovery, along with the Disaster Assessment Support Annex, have been posted to the SharePoint site created just for county emergency management coordinators. Damage assessment forms (Situation Report, Residential and Business Assessment and Rapid Assessment Survey) have also been posted to SharePoint as they are referenced in the Disaster Assessment Support Annex.

Coordinators will need their user name and password to get access to SharePoint. The user name and password are the same ones used to access the secure side of the

HSEMD Web site. Those who do not know their user name and password may contact their HSEMD regional planner.



The ESF prototypes may be downloaded to a computer as electronic word documents. County emergency management coordi-

nators may make changes and updates to them on their schedule. Once completed, they can log back into SharePoint and upload them to their county's planning folder for the current planning year (2010). HSEMD will maintain five years of folders for each county in SharePoint. Ω

Region 6 Holds PIO Workshop

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agement and partner PIOs at the local and state levels of government. The sessions demonstrate the importance of identifying and training PIOs at the local level and the need for PIOs at every level to communicate with colleagues.

Chris Kramer and Frank Cowan, experts in emergency public information and the Joint Information System and joint information centers, conducted the training in Waterloo and will lead future workshops.

The workshops will be held at locations throughout Iowa over the next 18 months. The goal is to hold a workshop in each of Iowa's homeland security regions. Additional workshop dates and locations have yet to be determined. The workshops are free to participants.

The first workshop was held in Region 2 in Mason City in August, 2009. Ω

New Agroville Workshops Scheduled for December

A new Agroville workshop will be coming to each region of the state in December.

Iowa State University has enhanced the original Agroville training material and developed a Web-based toolkit for animal disease emergencies (ADE). This toolkit is designed so livestock producers, farm-related organizations, schools and youth groups can learn and teach the basics of agriculture sector preparedness and response in their community.

Agroville instructors will be Dr. Randy Wheeler, assistant state veterinarian at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship; Dr. Steve Goff, area emergency coordinator for the United States Department of Agriculture; and Mark Shearer, Multi-State Partnership coordinator for Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The team will introduce the ADE toolkit to community leaders at the following locations:

Dec. 14--Wapello County Law Center, 330 W. Second St., Ottumwa

Dec. 15--Iowa Valley Continuing Education, 3702 S. Center St., Marshalltown

Dec. 16--Berndes Center (Fairgrounds), 766 N. Maple St., Monticello

Dec. 17--Olson Bldg. (Fairgrounds), 3700 4th St. SW, Mason City

Dec. 21--Southwestern Community College Performing Arts Center, 1501 W. Townline St., Creston

Dec. 22--Community Center, 530 W. Bluff St., Cherokee

Local emergency management, farm organizations, ISU Extension personnel, FFA and 4-H leaders,



law enforcement, public health, EMS, government officials, chambers of commerce, and other organization will find this training helpful.

Workshops start at 5 p.m. at each location with dinner included.

There is no registration fee. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 9, for the first four locations, and Wednesday, Dec. 16, for the final two locations.

The public is invited to attend and register for the training at: <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/LoginPage.aspx>. New users will need to create an account to register.

The toolkit is posted on the Iowa State University Center for Food Security and Public Health Website: http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Animal_Response/default.htm. Ω

Training News

Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents

The deadline to register for the course AWR-148 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents is Nov. 20. Anyone wishing to attend these courses, scheduled for December, can register at www.iowaTrainingNow.com.

CERT Success

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Refresher course held Oct. 21 in Des Moines was a great success. Sixteen participants from past CERT classes attended the three-hour refresher training session.

HSEMD Schedule of Classes

The 2010 training schedule is available on the Events Management System site: <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>.

Other courses will be added to the site as they become available. Some upcoming courses available for registration at this time are:

IS-240 Leadership and Influence, Jan. 20, 2010

IS-241 Decision Making and Problem Solving, March 19, 2010

IS-139/G120 Exercise Design, May 26, 2010. Ω

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HSEMD Mission

Lead, coordinate, and support homeland security and emergency management functions in order to establish sustainable communities and ensure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

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Hempen Named HSEMD Bureau Chief

Dave Hempen has been chosen to serve as the HSEMD Preparedness Bureau chief. He began his duties on Nov. 13, 2009.

Dave has been with the Division since 2002. He had served as the division's chief training officer, responsible for managing training activities, planning for the division's annual conference, and NIMS/NRP implementation and compliance activities.

Prior to HSEMD, Dave was an officer with the Cedar Falls Police Department for 21 years.



Dave Hempen

Congratulations to Dave! Ω

HSGP/EMPG Grant Update

2008 Homeland Security Grant Program

Authorization letters were mailed from the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) the week of Nov. 16. Sub-grantees should be receiving them in the mail soon.

Quarterly Project Reports for the first quarter were due to HSEMD by Nov. 15. Second quarter reports are due Jan. 15, 2010.

Contact Doug Rossell for more information at doug.rossell@iowa.gov.

2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Intent to Apply Forms must be submitted to HSEMD no later than Dec. 1, 2009, to be eligible for 2010 EMPG funding.

Contact Tricia Boggs for more information at tricia.boggs@iowa.gov. Ω

HSEMD Web Site Survey

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Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey at www.iowa-homelandsecurity.org. The survey

will be available from Nov. 23-Dec. 9. HSEMD will use survey results to improve the content and design of the Web site.

We appreciate your feedback and suggestions. Ω